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The numbers of participating school districts in Phases II, III, and IV have been updated. We now have 39 school districts in Phase II; 33 in Phase III; and 8 in Phase IV. For a list of school districts in each phase, go to <http://www.state.tn.us/education/techssms.htm>

The timeline and activities for each phase are as follows:

Phase II	July, 2004 - December, 2004	Planning and preparation by SDE, PCG and Century
Phase II	January, 2005 - August, 2005	District Training, Data Conversion and Implementation to begin 2005-2006 school year using SSMS
Phase III	July, 2005 - December, 2005	Planning and preparation by SDE, PCG and Century
Phase III	January, 2006 - August, 2006	District Training, Data Conversion and Implementation to begin 2006-2007 school year using SSMS
Phase IV	July, 2006 - December, 2006	Planning and preparation by SDE, PCG and Century
Phase IV	January, 2007 - August, 2007	District Training, Data Conversion and Implementation to begin 2007-2008 school year using SSMS

During the month of November, the time-out parameter on the Star_Student component of SSMS was increased from 15 minutes to 30 minutes. We hope this helps alleviate some of the frustration many of you expressed concerning the 15 minute time-out. In addition, we began a three part series of statewide meetings to conduct: 1) a follow-up session with Phase I districts to obtain all possible feedback and suggestion; and 2) a kickoff session with Phase II districts to outline the timeline of events to take place during January, 2005 - August, 2005. The middle Tennessee meeting was held on November 23, 2004. The east Tennessee meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2004 and the west Tennessee meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2004.

We are continuing to evaluate and analyze lessons learned from the pilot phase. With complete candor and disclosure, we continue to face our challenges head-on with the resolve and commitment to achieve success.

EasyIEP Regional Training Sessions for Phase II Districts

The regional training sessions for the EasyIEP component of SSMS will be held the week of January 10 - 14. Two or three representatives from your district should plan to attend, including your Director of Special Education, Special Education Census Manager, and any others who typically work with district-level Special Education student information. There will be two training locations for the west and central regions and one training location for the east region with each having two-day sessions. The sessions are consecutive and both days are required. We have assigned each district to a training session as follows:

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Dyer County, Dyersburg City, Milan SSD, Humbolt City, Trenton SSD, Bradford SSD, Bells City, McKenzie SSD, and Huntingdon SSD will attend the West training on Tuesday, January 11 and Wednesday, January 12, 2005 from 8:30am - 3:00pm CST at the Professional Development Center at Dyersburg 305 College Street Dyersburg, TN 38024 (731) 286-3611 (Please note, for this location only, if you are able to bring a laptop computer to use please do so; the location has both wired and wireless capabilities.)

Southwest TN:

Henderson County, West TN School for the Deaf, Fayette County, Hardeman County, Hardin County, Perry County will attend the West training on Thursday, January 13 and Friday, January 14, 2005 from 8:30am - 3:00pm CST at Hardeman County Board of Education 10815 Old Highway 85, Bolivar, TN 38008 (across from Western Mental Health, near Wal-Mart) (731) 658-2510.

Central TN:

Dickson County, TN School for the Blind, Lebanon SSD, Dekalb County, and Smith County will attend the Central training on Tuesday, January 11th and Wednesday, January 12, 2005 from 8:30am - 3:00pm CST at Cookeville High School, 2335 North Washington Avenue, Cookeville, TN 38501, (931) 520-2287.

South-Central TN:

Lewis County, Rutherford County, Bedford County, Lincoln County, and Franklin County will attend the Central session on Thursday, January 13th and Friday, January 14, 2005 from 8:30am - 3:00pm CST at Bedford County Board of Education, 500 Madison Street, Shelbyville, TN 37160, (931) 684-3284 ext. 243.

East TN:

Meigs County, Etowah City Elementary School, Monroe County, Sweetwater City, Hancock County, Greene County, and Unicoi School District will attend the East session on Wednesday, January 12 and Thursday, January 13, 2005 from 8:30am - 3:00pm EST at Sevierville County Schools Central Office 226 Cedar St., Sevierville, TN (865) 453-1036.

Please note PCG, Inc. will also begin scheduling for the end user trainings (teachers, related service personnel, etc.) for the end of January through March 2005 in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Hudson at (800) 973-7828.

Attached, also, is a proposal from ENA for network diagnostic services.

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